

REMARKS

Claims 1-6 are pending in this application, with claim 1 being an independent claim. Claim 6 has been added. Claims 1-5 have been amended so that they conform with U. S. practice. In addition, claim 5 has been further amended to delete the multiple dependency.

Conclusion

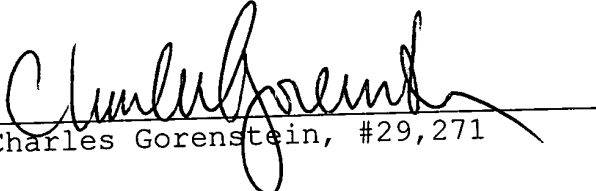
In view of the above amendments, it is believed the application is in good condition for examination.

Should there be any outstanding matters that need to be resolved in the present application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact Daniel K. Dorsey (Reg. No. 32,520) at the telephone number of the undersigned below, to conduct an interview in an effort to expedite prosecution in connection with the present application.

If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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